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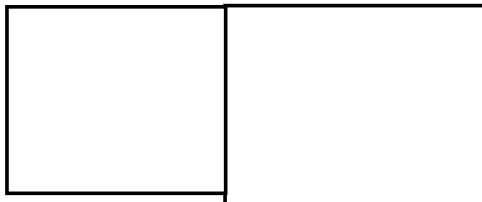
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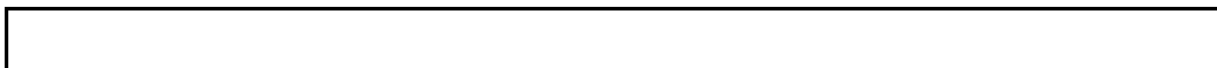
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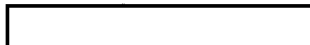


1. The camp at Kenyérmező is four km south of Esztergom. It is near the Dorog-Esztergom road, east of it and the railroad. The complex is 4200 by 4900 m. Part of the camp area is an armored barracks. In this part there are a guardhouse, 6 by 8 m; a one-story quarters for enlisted, 35 by 50 m; two one-story barracks, each 20 by 80 m; an L shaped staff office building, 15 by 50 m; a three-story school building, 15 by 50 m; a three story officer's quarters, 12 by 50 m; two one-story quarters for enlisted, 25 by 80 m; a one-story office building, 12 by 30 m; a movie and assembly room, 20 by 50 m; a kitchen 10 by 10 m; eight depot buildings; five buildings still under construction, five garages for armor and autos; an underground concrete munitions depot, 10 by 200 m; a small caliber target range with movable targets.
2. An armored regiment  is installed in the barracks. It has 1,400 to 1,450 men. The commander is Lt. Col. Gyula Sárosy.
3. The 1st Battalion, armored, has 320 to 330 men, divided into three companies, the 3rd Company being set up in the summer only for reservists. Each company consists of two platoons of four squads each. The men come from the classes 1929 to 1932; the reservists are 70 percent from the classes of 1924 to 1926, 30 percent from those of 1927 to 1928. The battalion has eight Stalin III tanks for training. The battalion has neither mortars nor AT guns. Active men and officers wear blue shoulder boards with a tank insignia.

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4. The 2nd Battalion, armored, is organized like the 1st. It has 18 T-34/76 tanks. There are as many more in the garage.
5. The 3rd Battalion, light SP guns, is organized like the first two. Its armament is twelve 76.2 mm guns, behind shields.
6. The 4th Battalion, heavy SP guns, is like the others in strength and organization. It is armed with eight SU-122 guns on a T-34 chassis. They weigh 30 tons, are six m long, 2.15 m high, and run on six wheels beside three auxiliary wheels a side.
7. In addition the regiment has 90 to 95 tanks which are garaged and not used in training. There are 125 to 130 trucks, of which only a third are used in training. Battalion commanders have jeeps.
8. Most of the training is done within the camp area, the regiment moving out only once a week. Once a week the tanks fire at moving targets with their machine guns. Their main batteries are fired only once in three or four months.
9. The soldiers find the duty very heavy and their morale is not high. The food is incomparably better than that of other arms.

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